

## APPLICANT FEEDBACK SUMMARY

### 2013 AmeriCorps State and National Grant Competition

**Legal Applicant:** FoodCorps, Inc.

**Application ID:** 13ED148019

**Program Name:** FoodCorps - EAP

For the purpose of enhancing our programs by improving the quality and quantity of applications to the Corporation for National and Community Service (CNCS), we are providing specific feedback regarding the strengths and weaknesses of this application. These comments are not meant to represent a comprehensive assessment; rather the analysis represents those elements that had the greatest bearing on the rating of the application. Please note that this feedback consists of summary comments from more than one reviewer. For this reason, some of the comments may seem to be inconsistent or contradictory. Comments are not representative of all of the information used in the final funding decision.

#### Reviewers' Summary Comments:

- (+) Reliable information was used to document the need in the target communities.
- (+) The applicant provides substantial national and local archival data which clearly describes the community problems of childhood obesity and food insecurity that it will work on.
- (+) The applicant provides a detailed description of AmeriCorps member activities, roles and responsibilities in a four-tiered service delivery approach of imparting nutritional knowledge to students, engaging students in school-based gardening, increasing access of students to more healthy food choices. and training community volunteers to sustain the program.
- (+) Justification and rationale for activities are backed by statistics, research and examples.
- (+) The survey instrument chosen to measure children's attitude change is internally validated and vetted by similar programs.
- (+) The applicant describes how the interventions the AmeriCorps members and volunteers are engaged in are evidence-informed by providing preliminary findings from nearly 20 peer-reviewed studies denoting significant improvement in student attitudes and access to more nutritious food choices.
- (-) The applicant does not link the change in knowledge to the need statement to reduce obesity.